

**SEMINOLE COUNTY
PARKS & PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
NATURAL LANDS SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING February 27, 2013**

ATTENDANCE:

Members:

Tom Boyko, Barbara Whittier
Ed Ghiglieri

Staff:

Jim Duby, Sherry Williams,
Lori Hartsock

LOCATION:

Geneva Wilderness Area

TIME:

8:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. and the minutes for the December 5, 2012 were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Library Displays - Barbara Whittier updated the group on the status of Natural Land displays in the libraries. She said that she and Lori Hartsock had met with Christine Patten, Manager of Libraries and received approval to set something up at the Casselberry and Lake Mary libraries as test locations. She also stated that Lori had done some research on the different types of displays that range from \$200-\$500. The committee agreed that a more affordable, sturdy, three legged easel with a poster and brochure holder would be the best route to take. The group also recommended a redesign of the existing "Seminole Tracks" newsletter to serve as the poster. The group thought it would be a good idea to discuss other possible locations for displays at a future meeting.

Youth Conservation Center – Jim Duby stated that he, Rick Durr (Division Manager) and Joe Abel (Department Director) from Leisure Services had met with representatives from the County Attorney's Office and the Environmental Services Department to discuss the logistics of land use and possible options for the center and use of Natural Lands Bond Funds. Jim stated that Rick Durr had mapped out an app. 100-130 acre area that may be transferred into the Natural Lands Program for development with Bond Funds to construct an educational building, cabins and other center related structures. Other portions of the site may be used for activities not allowed on Natural Lands such as shooting sports, hunting and archery.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Natural Lands Enhancement Projects Update** – Jim updated the group on the projects planned for Lake Harney, Black Bear and Geneva Wilderness Areas. He stated that the consultant, Miller Legg and Associates, was at almost 100% with the design plans and were currently working on agency permitting. Army Corps of Engineer permits have been received for Lake Harney and Geneva, awaiting Black Bear. Miller Legg is expected to make final submittal for permits from SJRWMD this week.

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- Next meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. which will be a field trip to the Econ River Wilderness Area to view and discuss recent habitat restoration activities on this site.

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The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 a.m.